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For: Apparatus And Method For Degrading The Information Bearing Capabilities Of A Disk

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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action of July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004, Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for reply to the office action by two months as per 37 CFR 1.136(a). A credit card payment form is included herewith to cover the cost of the extension. Please use deposit account 502689 for any other charges not accounted for herein and please reference our file number DD-P0009 when using the deposit account. Please amend the above identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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